

The Georgia State Board of Physical Therapy met via Conference Call on **March 8, 2005** at 8:15 A.M. in the offices of the Secretary of State Professional Licensing Boards Division, Macon, Georgia for the purpose of conducting Board business.

Board Members present were:

- Sandy Eskew Capps, P.T., President
- Charlene D. Portee, P.T., Vice President
- Bernice Chaney, P.T.A.
- Brad S. Freemyer, P.T.
- Lola Rosenbaum, P.T.
- Patricia H. Willis, P.T.

Others present were:

- Anita O. Martin, Executive Director

Ms. Capps established that a quorum was present and called the meeting to order in **OPEN SESSION** at 8:15 A.M.

House Bill 546 – The Georgia Professional Association Act: Ms. Portee motioned, Ms. Chaney seconded, and the Board voted to send a letter to the legislators advising that the Board feels the proposed legislation, as drafted, may be misleading to the healthcare consumer public. (Attachment #1)

Senate Bill 124 – Licensing Board for Residential/General Contractors: Ms. Portee motioned, Mr. Freemyer seconded, and the Board voted to send a letter to the legislators advising that the Board is opposed to the bill as it is currently drafted, and is concerned that the passing of the current legislation would have a detrimental impact on the Board's ability to serve and protect the public. (Attachment #2)

There being no further business to come before the Board, the Conference Call adjourned at 8:35 A.M. on March 8, 2005.

Minutes prepared by Board Secretary, Lea Williams.

Minutes reviewed by Executive Director, Anita Martin.

Sandy Eskew Capps, Board President

Mollie Fleeman, Division Director



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March 8, 2005

Legislators
Georgia State Capitol
Atlanta, GA

Re: House Bill 546 – The Georgia Professional Association Act

Dear Honorable Legislator:

During a conference call meeting today, the Georgia State Board of Physical Therapy discussed House Bill 546. At this meeting, the Board voted to contact you to express its concern that the proposed legislation, as drafted, may be misleading to the healthcare consumer public.

We thank you for the opportunity to provide our input and express our concern surrounding this legislation. If we can be of additional assistance, please contact Executive Director, Anita Martin at (478) 207-1693 or via e-mail at aomartin@sos.state.ga.us.

Sincerely,

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Re: Senate Bill 124 – Licensing Board for Residential/General Contractors

Dear Honorable Legislator:

At a board meeting today, the Georgia State Board of Physical Therapy discussed Senate Bill 124 and its possible impact on the new board's, as well as existing boards', ability to address the needs of consumers and licensees in Georgia. If this legislation is passed as currently drafted, without a provision for it becoming effective upon the appropriation of funds to administer the new board, and if no funds are appropriated, it would have a detrimental impact on existing boards' ability to serve and protect the public. If the legislation becomes effective without an appropriation of funds, operation of the new board would necessitate a withdrawal of manpower and other resources from current boards that are already operating with minimal staff and resources.

With this letter, we are requesting the following consideration concerning SB124:

1. We request that funds for the Residential and General Contractors Board be appropriated in the budget process.
2. We request that the SB 124 be changed to make the licensing of residential and general contractors effective only upon the proper funding being appropriated.

We thank you for the opportunity to provide our input and express our concerns surrounding this legislation. We will continue to work with the Board staff to provide cost efficient, effective service while fulfilling our responsibility to the public.

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